Management institutes approved by Vishva Bharti for MCA course

4659. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Management institutes approved by Vishva Bharti, Shantiniketan, State-wise, who have been permitted to admit students for Masters in Computer Application Course (MCA) of Vishva Bharti, Shantiniketan, during last three years;

(b) the details of violation of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) norms for these MCA courses at the approved Institutions, State-wise, during last three years; and

(c) the action being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Section 6 (5) of the Vishva-Bharti (Amendment) Act, 1984 empowers the University to approve any institution of higher learning or studies for such purposes as the University may determine. In terms of Section 29 (k) of the Act, the terms and conditions of approval of institutions of higher learning and its withdrawal should be incorporated into the Ordinance(s). In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 6(5) and 29(k) of the University Act, the University had, in July, 1997, incorporated terms and conditions of approval of outside institutions/courses into an Ordinance.

In pursuance of the said Ordinance, Visva-Bharti has approved academic programmes of the various institutions. According to the information furnished by Visva-Bharti, Masters in Computer Application course or the Course equivalent thereto of the following three institutions has been approved by Visva-Bharti during the last three years:

(1) National Institute of Management, Calcutta;

(2) Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad; and

(3) Graduate School of Business and Administration, Ghaziabad.

In order that all such cases could be reviewed in their entirety to assess, *inter alia,* the deviations, if any, from the prescribed terms and conditions of approval of outside institutions/courses, the University Grants Commission has been requested to depute a Committee of three experts to Visva-Bharti to make on-the-spot study of the relevant records without loss of time and to submit its report.

Timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas

4660. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to resort to timing of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi region from 7.30 A.M. has badly affected the studies since many teachers who commute long distance, are unable to reach schools in time due to non-availability of public transport very early in the morning;

(b) whether some schools have reverted to previous timings due to this situation; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not reverting the timings of particularly those schools, which are situated in outer areas of Delhi, where the studies are still suffering?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) School timings have been advanced to 7.30 A.M. in order to give sufficient time for children to pursue their studies in the afternoon. Secondly, this has also been done to protect the children from untoward incidents during peak traffic hours when there is a huge rush of office goers. No case of late coming by the teachers has been reported from any Vidyalaya which is functioning from 7.30 A.M.

(b) Only one Vidyalaya, KV Lawrence Road, had reverted to old